

Moderator: Tina Knop

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09:30 AM | **REGISTRATION**

10:00 AM | **OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME ADDRESS (DE)**

- **Agnes von Matuschka**
CEO Potsdam Science Park – Standortmanagement Golm GmbH
- **Noosha Aubel**
Mayor of the City of Potsdam
- **Prof. Oliver Günther, PhD.**
President of the University of Potsdam

10:15 AM | **KEYNOTE (EN)**

From Personal Motivation to Global Ambition: Building a Deep-Tech Startup in Drug Development

Ghazaleh Madani
CEO and founder CanChip GmbH

10:30 AM | **PANEL DISCUSSION (DE)**

Erfolgreich skalieren: von Brandenburg in die Welt

- **Robert Förster**
CEO and co-founder Radiozeit GmbH
- **Benjamin Heese**
CEO and founder Sensit! GmbH
- **MD Ben M.W. Illigens**
CEO D4L data4life gGmbH
- **Christoph Miethke**
CEO and founder Christoph Miethke GmbH & Co. KG

11:10 AM | **STARTUP PITCH: PIONEERS OF INNOVATION AND IMPACT (DE&EN)**

— **Speakers will be announced soon**

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12:00 PM | **PHOTO SESSION**

12:15 PM | **SPEED DATING**

Structured 2-minute conversations with participant rotation

12:45 PM | **LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING**

1:30 PM | **INSIGHT TALKS**

Enabling innovation through networks and entrepreneurship (DE&EN)

- Nico Alavi, Co-MD National Nucleate Germany
- Hannah Payette Peterson, JUNI – Just Unite to Innovate
- [From Lab to Launch: Startup Support for Researchers \(EN\)](#)
Johannes Zier, Head of Startup Service, University of Potsdam
- [Havel Valley Community \(DE\)](#)
Lars Schulze, Co-founder Whaaat AI & Initiator Havel Valley

2:00 PM | **FIRE SIDE CHAT**

— **Speakers will be announced soon**

2:15 PM | **INPUT SESSION (DE)**

[exist Startup-Factories – Nukleus für mehr Deep Tech Gründungen in Deutschland?](#)

Oliver Hunke

Leiter Referat Innovative Gründungen, Internationalisierung von Start-ups –
Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie

2:30 PM | **PANEL DISCUSSION (DE)**

[Finanzierungsstrategien für Start-ups: Perspektiven von VCs und Business Angels](#)

- **Anna Wanderwitz**
Managing Director Blueberry Walnut, BACB
- **Thilo Veil**
Business Angel/Managing Director and founder of T Ventures–Berlin
- **Dr Inga Köhler**
encourageventures e.V. & Healthcare Frauen e.V.
- **More speakers will be announced soon**

3:15 PM | **COFFEE BREAK**

3:40 PM | **VOICES OF THE EXPERTS (DE&EN)**

(5-minute introductory talks introducing the parallel breakout sessions)

- Tobias Wittich, Business Angel of the Year 2025
- Thilo Veil, T Ventures–Berlin
- [Boost your Growth! \(EN\)](#)
Dr Boris Karcher, Dimler&Karcher
- [The Voice of Startups: Advocating for Better Exit Conditions](#)
Benjamin Heese, Spokesperson for Brandenburg at the German Startup Association

4:00 PM | **Q&A WITH EXPERTS**

Four parallel breakout sessions:

- A) Q&A with Tobias Wittich, Business Angel of the Year 2025
- B) Q&A with Thilo Veil, T Ventures–Berlin
- C) Q&A with Dr Boris Karcher, Dimler&Karcher
- D) Q&A with Benjamin Heese, Spokesperson for Brandenburg at the German Startup Association

4:30 PM | **Q&A RECAP IN PLENARY**

STARTUP PITCH AWARD CEREMONY

CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS

5:00 PM | **NETWORKING**